

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-71 have been presented for examination. The Examiner required restriction of the claims. Specifically, the Examiner divided the subject matter of the claims into the following four groups:

Group I, claims 1-45 and 62, drawn to the use of a modulator blocker to modulate the binding of an effector molecule to a DC-SIGN receptor;

Group II, claims 46-55 and 71, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition;

Group III, claims 56-61, drawn to a method of identifying a DC-SIGN blocker; and

Group IV, claims 63-70, drawn to a method of targeting a subject molecule to a cell using a DC-SIGN blocker.

Applicant elects the claims of Group III, claims 56-61, drawn to a method of identifying a DC-SIGN blocker. Claims 56-61 are readable on the elected inventions.

Finally, Applicant apprises the Examiner of related application Serial No. 10/700,491.

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Respectfully submitted,

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